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Regular Meeting Town Council

The town fathers held a regular council meeting one evening last week. Present were Mayor H. Colpoys and Councillors R. K. Hunter, E. Bolinger, U. A. Jones, F. Michael and W. Pettit.

Regarding the school well, H. T. Colpoys offered a tentative agreement regarding the well situated on the school property. The board of the Bow Valley school Division, agrees to allow the town free use of the well situated on the school grounds, subject to negotiation at any time, at the request of either party; in consideration of which the town of Gleichen agrees to maintain the well and supply the Gleichen school with water at the rate of seven dollars per month on the basis of a four room school. It was moved by Councillor Michael and carried that the council give their approval to this agreement provided that the words "maintain the well" are deleted.

The matter of garbage collection came before the council and was tabled for the new council next year.

The secretary was instructed to write the R.C.M.P. regarding bicycles being ridden on sidewalks. A letter from the National Institute of the blind was read to the council. It was decided that the policy of the town regarding this had not been changed.

The application of H. O. Faulkner for a building permit had been received. It was approved on condition that a proper chimney be built of brick or concrete.

R. K. Hunter moved and carried a motion prohibiting parking in front of the post office between the hours 8 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Signs are to be erected to this effect. The reason for the passage of this bylaw is cars parked there during the hours mentioned interfere with the delivery and receiving of mail from the trains. Trains carrying mail to Gleichen arrive in the morning and evening.

The reports of the Mounted Police for the months of October and November were accepted and ordered filed.

It was decided that a notice should be printed regarding the depositing of garbage at the nuisance ground advising that people who persist in dumping garbage in the road ways, will be prosecuted. During the past summer a good road had been made at the nuisance grounds and somebody had dumped a big load of rubbish right in the middle of the road and that is the reason the ratepayers representatives are hot under the collar.

The secretary's financial statement for the month of November was read and accepted and ordered incorporated in the minutes.

All accounts presented to the council were referred to the finance committee and ordered paid if found correct.

Legion W.A. Meel

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., was held in the Legion last Thursday evening.

At seven o'clock some 50 members sat down to a tasty turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After dishes and hall were tidied up the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. Bell in the usual manner and old and new business was dealt with.

Mrs. Edith Thompson's application to become a member of the organization was accepted.

The children's Christmas Tree and program will be held on Dec. 20 in the Legion Hall.

The committees gave their reports. Mrs. H. Bogstie gave a pleasing account on the bazaar and tea and the polio fund. Other reports were on the blind campaign and sick committee.

Mrs. Camps and Mrs. Fontaine will be in charge of the lunch for the New Year's Eve dance which is being sponsored by the Can-



These bright stars of the CBC also picked up some astounding version of the popular 'Howdy true stories in his travels. Per-Doody Show' help keep the provincial Parrot is always interested gram moving at a lively pace. In them but his chief job is to in-Old Seattlebut, a somewhat boisterous what a feather character-terous pirate with a generous Clarabell the clown is saying. heart, can tell tall tales but has Clarabell you see can't speak.

adian Legion.

Under new business the meeting decided to have six new tables built, also to purchase two canneries and six rolls of white paper. A gift was voted to the steward of the Leigon Hall in appreciation for his consideration and helpful service.

A donation to the Legion was voted on and carried. A Christmas gift of flowers is to be sent Comrade Isa Schnell who is a patient in the Holy Cross Hospital.

Following the business session of the meeting an election officers was conducted and installed by the president of the men's branch Comrade Leslie Menard. They are as follows:

President—Mrs. L. Jones.
1st vice-president—Mrs. Geo. Evans.

2nd vice-president—Mrs. R. Schmidt.
Secretary—Mrs. Mae Wilson.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. Michael.
Councillors—Mrs. M. Bogstie, Mrs. Camps, Mrs. G. Richie, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. M. McLean, Mrs. I. Blaney.

After the meeting adjourned an exchange of Christmas parcels was enjoyed by all. A social hour and a tasty lunch brought a pleasant evening to a close.

There continues to be a keen interest in estimates of the western Canadian crop, especially as they relate to wheat. In the early days, reliance had to be placed very largely on private estimates, and some individuals become well known for the very accurate forecasts of yield they were able to make as crops approached maturity. But it is also true that in the absence of official estimates, private forecasts, at times proved to be unduly optimistic or pessimistic and these unfortunately tended to undermine public confidence in the reliability of crop estimates in general. For some years now the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has issued at intervals each fall several successive estimates of production beginning about August 1st and these official estimates have been welcomed as a check on those made by the trade as well as by the press. Since all crop reporting agencies follow very much the same method in securing information respecting yield, the various estimates are, by and large, quite uniform especially as the season draws to a close. This year, however, so rapidly did crop conditions decline that early estimates became out of date within a matter of days. But such a situation is very unusual and in the long run improvements in forecasting weather and probable damage from rust and other diseases, will enable those responsible to correct early estimates for factors, the full impact of which it is now difficult to assess early in the season. This, of course, will make for greater accuracy than was possible in an abnormal year such as we have just experienced.

The average tax paid at the factory on a new passenger car in Canada is \$424.

Lake Winnipeg is larger than Lake Ontario and almost equals Lake Erie in area.

Wedding

WEEKS-ARGUE

Wednesday Dec. 8th, marked the occasion of a very pretty wedding in St. Andrew's Anglican Church, when Mary Anne Argue became the bride of Mr. La Vern Weeks of Gleichen.

The bride wearing a white lace over satin wedding gown, with a bouquet of pink roses, entered the church on the arm of Mr. Herbert Stott to the strains of the Wedding March played by Mrs. Saddler of Strathmore. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pennant in front of the altar which was decorated with lovely bouquets of pink carnations and white baby mums.

Miss Salina James attended the bride. She wore a lovely blue gown of net over taffeta and carried a bouquet of yellow roses on lace. Mr. Gordon Stott was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stott. Refreshments were served. The table being centred with a wedding cake.

Rev. Pennant proposed a toast to the bride which was responded to by the happy groom.

Later the bride very prettily thanked the guests for being so kind to her, as she was a comparative stranger in this community. She also thanked them for the gifts they brought.

For going away the bride chose a suit of lime green with hat, coat and gloves of fawn and brown.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Weeks will reside north of Gleichen.

Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has announced \$100,000. will be made available to assist Alberta municipalities with Golden Jubilee observations. The fund will be available on a per capita basis for various Jubilee programs than can include development of local attractions or local production of Jubilee activities from other parts of Alberta. Adjacent communities wishing to combine their Jubilee programs may pool their grants. Arrangements are now being made for provincial Jubilee organizations to assist communities in organization and planning of Jubilee programs. Communities wishing Jubilee grants are asked to set up Jubilee committees and write to the Alberta Golden Jubilee Committee, 410 Jasper Building, Edmonton so that a representative of the Jubilee Committee can attend organizational meetings.

Xmas. With Kiddies

Everyone in Alberta will be able to spend Christmas with the kiddies at the Alberta Red Cross Crippled Children's hospital this year where the "biggest Christmas on earth" is celebrated. They will be heard in a Christmas party broadcast cast over the air. Five radio stations, from Grande Prairie to Medicine Hat agreed to carry this annual broadcast

from the hospital so that all may enjoy the day with these kiddies. In anticipation of this event, the patients have been practicing for weeks to make this broadcast better than ever. The school choruses and rhythm bands, both instructed by volunteer music teachers, now have their carols and "symphony selections" in good order. When one considers that most of the little patients are flat on their backs, it is realized the problems to be overcome far surpass the problems met in ordinary schools and that singing or playing rhythm instruments are much more difficult.

A few days prior to Christmas staff members of CECN, which has originated the program for many years, will visit the hospital to have all in order for the broadcast. They will also record the messages home to parents at that time as it has been found the kiddies are too excited to give the

greetings well or say the things they want to say.

However, all the rest of the broadcast will be "live" so listeners may catch the spontaneous enjoyment of children who forget their disabilities in the thrills of Christmas and who, of course, await the arrival of Santa as eagerly as do other children. Indeed listeners will hear Santa arrive and share this excitement with the kiddies.

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PENALTY: \$25.00 for first offence. \$50.00 second offence with costs. In default of immediate payment imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Spring and fall during the past years the council has had the refuse bull-dozed out of the way. This fall Cam Evans made a wonderful job at the nuisance ground making it simple and easy to dump refuse over the edge of the bank and to keep the roadways clear. However, some persons have already, through their laziness and indifference to the rights of other people, dumped refuse in the centre of the approaches, thus blocking the entry of others.

In future anyone found contravening this by-law will be prosecuted.

By Order,
A. HORN, Sec.-Treas.



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WEEKLY

Editors 'Invade' Northland

Uranium City, the nerve centre of northern Sask. mining makes big impression on press party

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third article in a series of four by four C.W.N.A. Saskatchewan division editors in their press tour of Northern development. Guests of the Saskatchewan government, the quartet of editors, Dave Belbeck, of The Swift Current Sun, Irwin McIntosh of the North Battleford News-Optimist, Walter Teifer of the Humboldt Journal and Cliff Ashfield of the Grenfell Sun, were accompanied by Galen Craik, Commissioner of Publications and Miss Olive Roberts, bureau photographer. Irwin McIntosh wrote the following account of the third portion of the trip.)

(Part 3—By Irwin McIntosh)

The aircraft with its big silver pontoons rose and fell gently in the warm Summer air. Some 4,000 feet below the naked sandy shores of Lake Athabasca floated by.

We saw a genuine desert complete with sand dunes on Lake Athabasca's south shore—miles of open sand country without vegetation, where the sand roams with the wind.

But as we crossed Lake Athabasca we entered a new world. A world of deep emerald-green lakes, large granite hills and tall, slim jack pine and spruce. The big lake divides the sandy remnants of the Great Central Plains from the rocky wastes of the Precambrian Shield.

No sooner had our plane slipped across the lake than we spotted the mining operation of Gunnar Gold, who plan to spend some \$10,000,000 in the next few years to develop their uranium mines and build a new leaching plant (a type of refinery).

Uranium City, nerve centre

But the real nerve centre of this far Northwestern corner of Saskatchewan is Uranium City. As we flew past the now silent Goldfields mine, the well-planned streets of Saskatchewan's most northerly community appeared to the north.

Uranium City is strategically located half way between the barge port on Lake Athabasca and the end of the road at Eldorado; the federal government's crown-owned company. It has a modern school and one of Saskatchewan's better hotels (complete with running water, beer parlor and one of the best lunch counters and dining rooms to be found in the entire province).

The northern town, now just two years of age, has one other striking feature. The spirit of the frontier has extended itself into the field of journalism and today two mimeographed newspapers seek to serve the town and trading area. One of the newspapers expressed the fear that still another journal might appear on the scene at any moment.

Like most mining communities throughout Canada no one is quite sure what will happen next. Tomorrow may bring boom or depression. It all depends on the world demand for uranium and whether other "rich" strikes nearer civilization might be able to reach the given market quicker and cheaper.

Prospectors' headquarters

Wherever you go in the area you are almost bound to see marked claims. The settlement thrives on the prospectors who make the town their headquarters.

Last February the town's population was 714, according to G. J. Darychuk, resident administrator for Saskatchewan's department of natural resources. Mr. Darychuk acts as mayor and town clerk combined over the entire Beaver Lodge Development Area.

He told our touring press party that according to latest statistics the town contained 40 shack tents, 143 homes with three rooms or less, and 71 homes with four rooms or more.

The town has a 50 mill rate, a land assessment of \$137,000, a building assessment of \$212,000 and a business assessment of \$65,000.

Next door to the administrator's office, in the department of natural resources' neat building, is located the mineral recording offices. It is here that all claims must be registered to be valid. To begin with a prospector must pay a five dollar licence fee. This entitles him to stake nine claims and 12 proxy claims. The claims can be 1,500 feet square. In order to keep these claims in his name he must after the first 13 months freehold commence to develop them. For the first 10 years he is required to spend at least \$100 annually on each claim filed.

Eldorado highlight

But the highlight of any visit to Saskatchewan's uranium area is Eldorado itself. Located high on a granite hill overlooking the breathless emerald beauty of Beaverlodge Lake, Eldorado is a model community.

Actually, in the true sense of the word, uranium is not refined. At Eldorado the process is known as leaching, since the object of the mill operation is to produce a chemical precipitate.

At one time Eldorado was a private company originally formed to mine gold. During the thirties it commenced producing radium in the Great Bear Lake country. When demand fell off for this product at the beginning of the last war the plant was closed.

we came across visitors from Spain, Turkey and Argentina. One of the local newspaper editors, David A. Good, told us that recently he had received a subscription much to his surprise, from Russia.

Life wonderful

Residents of picturesque Eldorado say life there is wonderful. They'll admit the winter is tough, but the beautiful summer, with loads of sunshine and beautiful Beaverlodge Lake, more than makes up for winter harshness. Swimming was common in the lake by the last week of June. The lake has good fishing and the many boat owners have great sport on its well-protected waters.

Mr. Barrett said that the area had little rainfall all year and could be considered in many ways a near desert. Since May 1, 1954, there were only 2½ days of rain. He feels that it is the finest and most beautiful mining camp with which he has been associated.

As our pontoons danced off the water, and the Saskatchewan Government Airways Norseman climbed over the granite hills into the air above Uranium City and Eldorado, we became convinced that we had seen an area of Saskatchewan which was bound by destiny to become one of the richest mining areas of the world.

Prospectors are busy clawing its hillside, listening to the crackling of their geiger counters, with the hope of a "rich" strike at the end of their trail. But these aspects of frontier life are already showing signs of disappearing as the really "rich" strikes are becoming mines and focusing the attention of the world and the atomic industry on Saskatchewan's North.

Grayling fishing to come

"Next stop", chirped up Earl Dodds, northern supervisor of Saskatchewan's department of nat-

ural resources, "will be Black Lake and the Fond-du-Lac River". The twinkle in his eye promised Grayling fishing—the darling of northern fly fishermen. It also promised an interesting evening with Chalmers McLean and his tales of the fur trade.

But as thoughts of Uranium passed from our minds, and promise of the new adventure were mirrored in each lake and rushing stream which passed under our wing-tip, we could not help but recall the wonders of Eldorado and Uranium City. The whole development we had seen had come to Saskatchewan during the last three or four years. The next 10 years would almost certainly make this area one of the finest jewels in Saskatchewan's Crown.

National farm union proposed

REGINA. — Albert Cormack, president of the Ontario Farmers' Union, suggested at the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union annual meeting that two farmers organization presidents organize a national farm union.

The two are J. L. Phelps of Saskatoon, who helped form the SPU five years ago and Jacob Schulz, president of the Manitoba Farmers' Union. Both men are retiring from office this year.

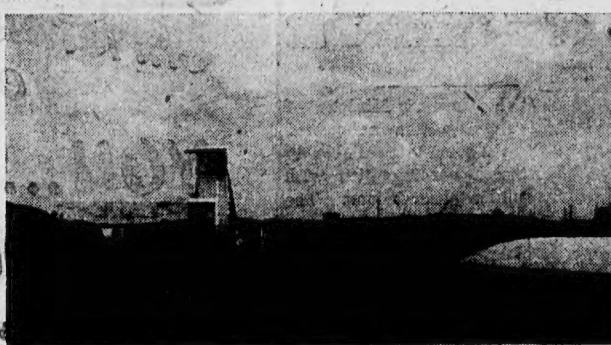
"We can't allow these leaders to move into honorary positions when we can use them in a much larger organization," Mr. Cormack said. "We have a definite connection between east and west. Problems are arising of which we knew nothing until we had a farmers' union."

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — James G. Adams, 70, pedals his bicycle into Prince Albert once a week from Meridian, 18 miles distant. He does it for his health.

Picture Highlights Northern Press Tour



(Sask. Government Photo)
 A VIEW of Uranium City, on the north shore of Lake Athabasca, some 16 miles from the port of Bushell, and about the same distance from the scene of Eldorado Mining and Refining operations. At the present, population of the town is estimated at somewhat better than 700.



(Sask. Government Photo)
 OPERATING plant of Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, at their Beaverlodge location.



(Sask. Government Photo)
 SASKATCHEWAN WEEKLY newspaper editors' party ready for the take-off in S.A.G. Norseman at Martin Lake, near Uranium City. Left to right: Don "Scotty" Fraser, S.A.G. pilot; Cliff Ashfield, Grenfell Sun; Irwin McIntosh, North Battleford News-Optimist; Walter Teifer, Humboldt Journal; Galen Craik, Bureau of Publications; Dave Belbeck, Swift Current Sun; Earl Dodds, D.N.R. field supervisor, northern district.

Funny and Otherwise

In a restaurant a man ordered a lamb chop and green peas. "And serve the green peas with honey," he said.

The waiter looked puzzled. "Surely you don't like honey with your peas?"

"It tastes awful," replied the diner, "but it's the only way I know to keep the darn things from falling off the knife!"

A young woman about to be married decided to test her sweetheart, and called on a girl friend. "I want you to go for a walk with Jack," she confided, "and at a suitable moment ask him for a kiss."

Her friend blushed, but consented.

The following day the bride-to-be called round to see what had happened. "Did you ask Jack to kiss you, dear?"

"I didn't get a chance," was the rather upsetting reply. "He asked me long before I'd thought of it."

A man met a friend who owed him some money. The friend saw that it was impossible to escape.

"My dear boy," he said, "I owe you five dollars, and an apology. Please, accept the apology now."

"It was so cold where we were," said the Arctic explorer, "that the candle-light froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing," said his rival. "Where we were the words came out of our mouths in pieces of ice and we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

At an all-in wrestling contest the main bout was between a giant German and a Scots champion. The M.C. announced the German first, and on to the stage strode a giant figure, clad, not in the usual dressing-gown, but in a resplendent brass-buttoned general-cum-commissionaire's overcoat. He raised his hand aloft in salute.

It was an effective entry, but it was speedily spoiled by a loud voice from the gallery shouting "Taxi!"

Consumer price index unchanged

OTTAWA.—The consumer price index was unchanged during October, remaining at 116.8 for the second consecutive month. It was the first time in nine years that the cost-of-living yardstick has shown such a period of stability.

Prices were lower for most meats, coffee, eggs, citrus fruits, clothing, fuel, furniture and electrical appliances as well as gasoline. Balancing these decreases were price rises for tea, fresh and canned vegetables, floor coverings, utensils and household equipments as well as rents, home ownership costs, cost of personal care and theatre admission tickets.

The highest 1954 point reached by the index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, was 117 in July. It dropped to 116.8 in August and remained at that point. This is slightly higher than the 116.2 in October last year, bureau of statistics figures showed.

Christmas Day family re-union by radio

Canada will once again be linked in family re-union with the rest of the Commonwealth in a Christmas Day program now being organized by the British Broadcasting Corporation. The Queen's message will again be the highlight, as she speaks from her home at Sandringham. The theme of the program this year is "Good Neighbours".

Christmas Day television programs of the British Broadcasting Corporation will include a two-hours' party—the only program of the year which is unrehearsed and in which the producer has no idea of what the stars and personalities are going to do or say.

Real hot

A tiny blue flame produced by American scientists is claimed to be hotter than any flame ever burned in a laboratory.

This blue flame is obtained from hydrogen and fluorine, and has a temperature of between 9,000 and 9,500 degrees Fahrenheit. Its heat is so fierce that it can burn a hole through any fire-resisting material.

Another powerful flame produced by the same scientists, is obtained from powdered aluminium in oxygen. It may be possible to use this in rescue work, where speed is vital in freeing people who are trapped. This flame, or torch, can penetrate a three-inch concrete wall in two minutes.

Rental plans completed for new market

Rental plans for the Manitoba Merchandise Mart, recently announced, have now been finalized and applications for space are now being accepted, it has been announced by Honorable R. D. Turner, minister of Industry and Commerce.

The statement was made following a series of meetings and conferences held this week between C. L. Churchill, A.I.A., executive vice-president of John W. Harris Associates Inc. of New York; T. W. Hill, president of Canadian and General Development Corporation, New York; M. Davidson, vice-president of Hegeman-Harris Company Inc., New York; and officials of Osler, Hammond and Nanton, who have been appointed rental agents, and Northwood, Chivers, Chivers and Casey, who are associate architects for this project.

Provision has been made for firms seeking space to now contract to enter into a lease on completion of the mart building.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Churchill, while in Winnipeg, both stated considerable interest is being shown in the project by a number of responsible firms both in Canada and the United States and they stated they expect a number will sign leases within the next few weeks.

They also confirmed that the site on which the Manitoba Merchandise Mart will be constructed is the Grace Church property.

Home Workshop



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ANCIENT WALL

Hadrian's wall is an ancient Roman wall crossing Britain from Solway to Newcastle-on-Tyne. It was built by the Emperor Hadrian about A.D. 120.

The Great Slave Lake has an area of 7,100 square miles.

Weekly Tip

FOR BAD ODORS

Sprinkle freshly washed garbage cans with moth crystals or moth balls to prevent bad odors and bugs.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

THE PILE OF JUNK

By WANDA MOORE

HEY, Mr. Brown, want a lift?" Mr. Laney shouted. Mr. Brown looked everywhere but at him. "Didn't expect to see me driving a car," Mr. Laney muttered to himself.

He poked his head out of the glassless side window. "Over here, Mr. Brown. Hurry, before the light changes."

Mr. Brown saw him and nodded. As he stepped briskly across the sidewalk, he looked with disfavor on the battered front fender, at the rust spots dotting the bright blue paint, and at the gleaming door. He stepped gingerly on the running board and slid into the seat beside Mr. Laney just as the light changed.

Mr. Laney joined the parade of traffic. "Surprised you, didn't I?" His pale blue eyes twinkled momentarily at Mr. Brown and then back at the car in front of him.

"Surprised me?" asked Mr. Brown.

The twinkle increased in the blue eyes. "Yes, me with a car. Wait till the wife and kids see it." Excitement bubbled in his voice.

Mr. Brown turned in the seat and looked squarely at Mr. Laney. "Haven't they seen it yet?" he asked.

"Nope!" Mr. Laney shook his head vigorously. "And, Mister, will they be excited?"

"I doubt it," said Mr. Brown, as he turned to examine the worn upholstery. "Do you mean to tell

me that you are taking this pile of junk home and are going to pawn it off on your family as a car?"

It was lucky for Mr. Laney that the light changed to red because he jammed his foot on the brake and turned to stare at Mr. Brown. Was this his neighbor, Mr. Brown? The man who borrowed his lawn mower and whose wife borrowed the vacuum cleaner with regularity. Was this the man who said that no family was complete without a car? Yes, and a very sour-looking Mr. Brown.

"What do you mean?" he asked, as he moved ahead with the green light.

"You people have been talking car for weeks now. Your children stand around and admire my car whenever I have it out of the garage. They'll be ashamed of this rattletrap," Mr. Brown laughed harshly. You'll be the laughing-stock of the neighborhood."

Mr. Laney tightened his grip on the wheel. Just keep on talking, brother, he said to himself, and you'll be the laughingstock with that black eye you're asking for. He wished that he had not picked up this voice of doom.

He forced his voice to remain calm. "They know we can't afford a fancy car. Of course," he added slowly. "If Mits hadn't broken her arm falling out of that tree, there would have been more money."

"You shouldn't have gotten a car, if you couldn't get a decent one," Mr. Brown commented sourly.

"Oh, yes, I should." The vision of Mits was between Mr. Laney and the car in front of him. Mits crying with one arm dangling at her side. Mits begging him to forget the old car so that he would have money to buy the car. Mits not wanting to spoil something that they had all counted on during the months that they had pooled money toward the dreamed-of car.

"Now, my children," Mr. Brown was saying pompously, "are proud of our car. You want your children to be proud of what you have. There is no pleasure for them in something they're ashamed of."

"We just want to have fun," said Mr. Laney. "The kids can tumble all over this car." "And blush for shame every time someone sees them riding in it," the voice of doom grew stronger.

Mr. Laney was just driving now. All the pleasure in his new possession had left him. Maybe Mr. Brown was right. He could feel the worn upholstery without looking at it. He could see the battered right fender and a smattering of rust spots. It would be a disappointment to the kids not to have a nice shiny car like Mr. Brown's. The wife wouldn't say anything. She'd understand, but the kids... he had been so sure until now.

He slowed the car. Maybe he'd better take it back. No, by golly! He stepped on the gas. He'd show Mr. Brown.

With a flourish, he stopped in front of his house and honked the horn. Mr. Brown pushed the reluctant door handle and slid out of the car. He gained the sidewalk just as the Laney front door flew open and three young Laney and Mrs. Laney raced each other to the car.

"I can run faster than Mama," yelled Mits, her broken arm flopping in its bandana cradle.

"Oh, Dad," cried Sonny, his eyes shining, "you did get a car. Can we help you shine it and then go for a ride?"

Mrs. Laney said nothing. Words were not necessary. Her eyes said, "Dear, you're wonderful."

Out of the corner of his eye, Mr. Laney saw the obvious disappointment on Mr. Brown's face. He felt like saying, "These are my kids, Mr. Brown." He said nothing, as Mr. Brown turned away with sourness puckering his face while he gave the car one last disdainful look.

Suddenly, the Browns' front door flew open. The two Brown children ran excitedly down the walk and up to the car.

"Oh, Mr. Laney," cried the older girl, "what a swell car."

The younger pulled open the back door and tumbled onto the seat. "This is the kind of car I want," she chirruped. "No worry about scratches. You can sit on the seat without being yelled at. Oh, Mr. Laney, it's beautiful. Can we go for a ride?"

Mr. Laney nodded happily, but he did not dare to look at Mr. Brown. He did not want a chunk of the near exploding Mr. Brown landing in his eye and keeping him from giving the whole bunch a bank-up ride.

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Drive With Care!

Sask. power signs 5-year agreement

REGINA. — A five-year agreement has been signed between the Potash Company of America Limited and the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, for the supplying of power to the company's plant site 14 miles east of Saskatoon, J. H. Sarsfield, Saskatchewan Power Corporation business manager, announced here.

"The potash company will be starting operations shortly near Floral, Saskatchewan," Mr. Sarsfield said, "and the Power Corporation has agreed to install necessary transformer banks with a capacity of 5,000 KVA. In addition we are constructing 4½ miles of high voltage line to serve the new mining operation. Construction work is starting immediately."

The decision of Potash of America Limited to commence drilling operations is evidence of the increased industrial development calling for greater power production facilities, Mr. Sarsfield said.

"Some idea of the immensity of the operation from the viewpoint of supplying power," he added, "can be gained from the fact that in the initial stages the Potash Company expects to use 32 million kilowatt hours of electrical energy, and in the event that mining operations are successful it is estimated that the annual consumption of power at the Potash Plant will be approximately 60 million kilowatt hours by 1958. This would represent almost 20 percent of the power sold by the corporation throughout Saskatchewan this year."

"The provision of power for the potash company will be 24-hour base load and is a type of load which has been too infrequent in Saskatchewan. With this type of industrial development increasing

from year to year, the need for a strong, well-integrated provincial power system to ensure that adequate power is available at any reasonable industrial location is clearly demonstrated."

From eternity to here...

GOßLAR, Germany. — A man here received a bill for his own funeral. He telephoned the cemetery, saying he was calling "from eternity," and asked the astounded clerk how the account could be settled.

After a few seconds silence the reply came: "There must be a mistake somewhere. Please forget about the bill."

Vancouver Island hospitals favor legalizing sweeps

NANAIMO, B.C. — Vancouver Island hospitals stood squarely in favor of legalizing sweepstakes to bolster hospital funds.

Delegates from all island hospitals passed a resolution at a weekend meeting here unanimously favoring the establishment of a miniature Irish Sweepstake for British Columbia.

The question will be referred to the Provincial Hospital Association and from there it will go to the annual convention.

A small-scale hospitals' "sweep"

that operated in British Columbia for several years was voluntarily discontinued early this month on grounds it was illegal.

ONLY A PART

A novelist's wife was forever trying to curb her husband's habit of swearing. One day, while shaving, the writer nicked his chin, and promptly burst into a hurricane of colorful language. His wife repeated it all after him, hoping that she would shame him into reforming.

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HERE AND THERE

Master Ronnie Warner who has been in a Calgary hospital for the past week recovering from an attack of pneumonia is expected to be brought home today.

Mrs. S. E. Lester returned home last week after spending some ten days in the Bassano Hospital, much improved in health.

The curlers, skaters and hockey players are out of luck so far this year as the weather has been too mild to make ice.

The Legion Boys are staging the New Year's Eve dance this year. And promise all who attend a grand time. They say they will pull off a real "blow up" at midnight.

XMAS TREES—Have arrived. Come and take your pick. Apply to Mrs. Stott, phone 77, Gleichen.

A week from Friday night you and the rest of us will be hanging up our socks. In the meantime the old man is toughing up plenty of dollars to make every member in the family happy including himself. The poor devil is a victim of circumstances and nobody expresses any sympathy for him.

Only nine more days until Xmas day.

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson to congratulate them on their 20th wedding anniversary. Mr. Tom C. Brown on behalf of their friends presented Mr. and Mrs. Wilson with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a vase.

They received some gifts and three other bouquets. One from their sons Robert and Ronald. A jolly time was had by all present.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Morrison, Miss Eberly, Mrs. R. K. Hunter, Mrs. P. Warner, Mrs. W. Pettit and Mrs. N. A. Riddell motored to Cluny Saturday to attend the bazaar and tea sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Cluny United Church. The Cluny ladies had a wonderful display of home cooking, aprons and novelties. All enjoyed the delicious tea served by the ladies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ALBERTA

The function of the Department of Municipal Affairs is the general supervision of local government in Alberta. Dealing chiefly with assessments and taxation, the Department assists municipal officials in their business management problems.



Each of Alberta's cities, towns and villages, has its own local government. Rural areas are divided into municipal districts and counties and these too have their own councils charged with carrying out well-defined responsibilities.

Improvement Districts comprise the outlying lands in the Province which are not sufficiently well developed to assume the responsibilities of local government. As population increases, improvement districts become municipal districts with their own elected councils, but until they reach this stage of development their affairs are administered directly by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The Special Areas in southeastern Alberta is another section of the Province which does not have local government. These areas are administered by a Special Areas Board directly responsible to the Department of Municipal Affairs. Headquarters of the Board is at Hanna.



In 1950, the County Act became law under which the council of a

municipal district or the board of the school division may request that their district be established as a county. In a county, a single local government, called council, combines the work formerly done by the municipal council and the local school board. One council instead of two, and one budget instead of two means greater economy, more efficient administration and improved and expanded services can then be rendered.

Many requests for the change have been received and by 1953 five counties have been established in widely separated and different parts of Alberta. All five operating efficiently and there is little doubt that further counties will be established in the Province.

The Department of Municipal is divided into several branches. One of these, the Assessment Branch sets up uniform standards of assessments throughout the province, and deals with adjustments

or revisions of various assessments where these are required. Upon request, the Branch will undertake the assessment of any town, village or hamlet and will absorb fifty percent of the cost.

The Municipal Inspections Branch conducts an annual inspection of the books and records of all towns, villages and municipal districts, in Alberta paying particular attention to their by-laws, budgets and methods of finance. This Branch also looks after any changes in status or boundaries.

The Field Service Branch assesses all lands in improvement districts, collects a considerable amount of taxes and values various parcels of land for other government purposes.

The Tax Recovery Branch supervises the enforcement of The Tax Recovery Act under which land may be sold for unpaid taxes.

The Town and Rural Planning Branch is the executive arm of the Provincial Planning Advisory Board. It provides technical assistance on town planning wherever this service is requested. No charge is made for expert advice on such matters as road intersections, general plans and zoning bylaws for a 20-year development program. This Branch is responsible for the planning of Drayton Valley, Alberta's youngest town-site.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs is also the Minister in Charge of Civil Defence for the Province and the Provincial Secretary.

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